

in the various funds created by this Act, are hereby exempt from any State or municipal tax, and exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment, or any other process whatsoever, and shall be unassignable except as in this Act specifically otherwise provided.

SEC. 10. Protection Against Fraud. Any person who shall knowingly make any false statement or shall falsify or permit to be falsified any record or records of this retirement system in any attempt to defraud such system as a result of such act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof by any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding twelve months, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Should any change or error in the records result in any member or beneficiary receiving from the retirement system more or less than he would have been entitled to receive had the records been correct, the Board of Trustees shall correct such error, and as far as practicable, shall adjust the payment in such a manner that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which such member or beneficiary was correctly entitled shall be paid.

Fraudulent acts made misdemeanor.

Punishment.

Correction of errors.

Payments adjusted.

SEC. 11. Limitation on Membership. No other provision of law in any other statute which provides wholly or partly at the expense of the State of North Carolina for pensions or retirement benefits for teachers or State employees of the said State, their widows, or other dependents shall apply to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system established by this Act, their widows or other dependents.

Application of other pension laws.

SEC. 12. Guaranty. The maintenance of annuity reserves and pension reserves as provided for, and regular interest creditable to the various funds as provided in Section eight of this Act, and the payment of all pensions, annuities, retirement allowances, refunds and other benefits granted under the provisions of this Act, are hereby made obligations of the Pension Accumulation Fund. All income, interest and dividends derived from deposits and investments authorized by this Act shall be used for the payment of the said obligations of the said fund.

Obligation of maintaining reserves and paying benefits.

SEC. 13. If any section or part of any section of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act shall not thereby be invalidated. All provisions of the law inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency: Provided, nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal or invalidate any of the provisions of Chapter four hundred and eighty-three of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, or Chapter three hundred and eighty-five of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, as amended, relating to

Partial invalidity clause.

Conflicting laws repealed.

Certain laws not repealed.